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Freezing Fog and Rime In Elko/Photo: Ray Martin

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			1 1888: The "Report of the Nevada Weather Service", the first formal government publication of weather observations in the state, takes place starting this month.	2 1881: Highest daily minimum temperature ever recorded in February at Winnemucca, 47°F.	3 1998: Downslope winds estimated at 70-80 mph with gusts approaching 100 mph hit Gabbs. There was widespread damage to small buildings near the mining facility.	4 1985: A low of -28°F sets the lowest temperature ever recorded at Winnemucca in February.
5 1901: 10.1 inches of snow fell at Reno.	6 1999: High winds damaged roofs and power poles, blew down fences, and uprooted large trees in the Reno and Carson City areas. South Reno had a 105 mph wind gust.	7 1989: All-time February record low temperature of 16°F was recorded in Las Vegas and -16°F at Reno. Carson City had an all-time record low of -22°F.	8 1993: 1.29 inches of precipitation fell in Las Vegas, an all-time February daily record.	9 1962: Over an inch of warm rain on top of a half foot of snow resulted in serious flooding around Elko and Battle Mountain damaging highways and railroad beds.	10 2000: An F0 tornado was reported in the Spanish Springs Valley five miles north of Sparks. There were no injuries but minor property damage was reported.	11 1922: Elko received 12.0 inches of snow, making it the greatest daily snowfall ever recorded in Elko in February.
12 1975: High winds damaged businesses, utilities, warehouses, and mobile homes in the Reno area. Three light aircraft were damaged at the Reno airport.	13 2008: A 127 mph wind gust was recorded at Yucca Mountain.	14 2000: A strong cold front produced wind gusts of 81 mph at Mather, 64 mph in West Wendover and 58 mph in Spring Creek.	15 1989: Gerlach reported a morning low of -10°F.	16 1982: Heavy rain and snow melt runoff washed out 200 feet of track along the Western Pacific Railroad about 30 miles east of Elko.	17 1986: High winds estimated in excess of 100 mph caused approximately \$1 million of damage (1985 dollars) in Wells damaging roofs, signs, utility poles and windows.	18 2009: A parade of 6 storms brought a February record of 71 inches of snow to Mt. Charleston in a 13 day period. On this date the snow depth stood at 51 inches.
19 1907: A 5 foot wall of floodwaters swept down the Meadow Valley Wash taking out railroad tracks and bridges as well as scattering train cars.	20 1996: A winter storm started on this date that produced extremely heavy rain at Red Rock Canyon with a storm total of 4.03 inches measured in a 3 day period.	21 1956: 15.0 inches of snow fell at Glenbrook.	22 1914: Flooding in the Meadow Valley Wash and Moapa Valley damaged fences, crops, orchards and broke a levee.	23 1982: Flood waters from the Humboldt River inundated agricultural land near Battle Mountain.	24 1969: A winter storm flooded Beatty with 3 feet of water and washed out 15 miles of Highway 95 in Nye County. Drifts of snow reached 15 feet on Mt. Charleston.	25 1987: The biggest late-season, low elevation snow on record in southern Nevada: 6 inches at Desert Rock, 2 inches in the Lakes area of Las Vegas. Flurries in Laughlin.
26 1986: All-time February record highs set at Las Vegas with 87°F, Elko with 70°F and Ely with 67 °F.	27 1890: Low of -41°F at Elko, lowest temperature ever recorded in Elko in February.	28 1974: Wind gusts to 105 mph were reported at the Hawthorne Naval Ammunition Depot, with gusts to 100 mph at the Stead airport.	29 2000: Heavy snow overspread parts of northern and central Nevada. 9 inches was measured in Austin, 7 inches in Spring Creek with 6 inches in Wells.	Spotlight On Safety: Pet Protection When bringing your pet indoors after being outside on snow or ice be sure to wipe their paws off. Pets can ingest salt, antifreeze and other chemicals while licking their paws. Snow and ice can stuck on a pet's paws can also cause them to bleed.		